
Mission

To provide University of Florida and USDA research based information and training to families, communities, and agriculture related businesses to gain knowledge, exhibit leadership skills, and become better consumers for themselves and the environment.

Business Strategy

The Extension Services Division employs 5 Extension Agents who provide expertise in 4-H & Youth Development, Family & Consumer Sciences, Urban Horticulture and Commercial Agriculture and Commercial & Consumer Food Safety. The office provides written resources, education programs and workshops, phone and direct consultations for both youth and adult residents. A volunteer force of over 800 people contributes time, expertise, and resources to Extension programs. Funding is provided by the County's General fund, University of Florida/IFAS (Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences), grants and donations.

Objectives

Strengthen decision making, knowledge application, economic security, environmental care and leadership skills for the citizens of Seminole County.

Evaluate program effectiveness through customer satisfaction survey and post testing of program participants.

Identify and prioritize emerging community issues and develop appropriate programs to address these needs through: urban horticulture, family and consumer economics, 4-H and youth programs, commercial horticulture and agriculture.

Performance Measures

	FY 01/02 Actual	FY 02/03 Estimated	FY 03/04 Projection	FY 04/05 Projection
Number of teaching contact hours	17,092	17,519	17,957	18,406
Number of customer contacts	57,844	59,290	60,772	62,292
Number of volunteer hours	19,786	48,100	49,303	50,535

